REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 22 September 2004. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official Action, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the combination of elements which form the invention of the subject Patent Application. Additionally, Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 – 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Wang et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,194,708. However, the Examiner kindly indicated that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 4 and 5 therein. Thus, Claim 5 has been effectively rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1, and the only intervening claim, Claim 4. Thus, Claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon should now be allowable.

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It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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